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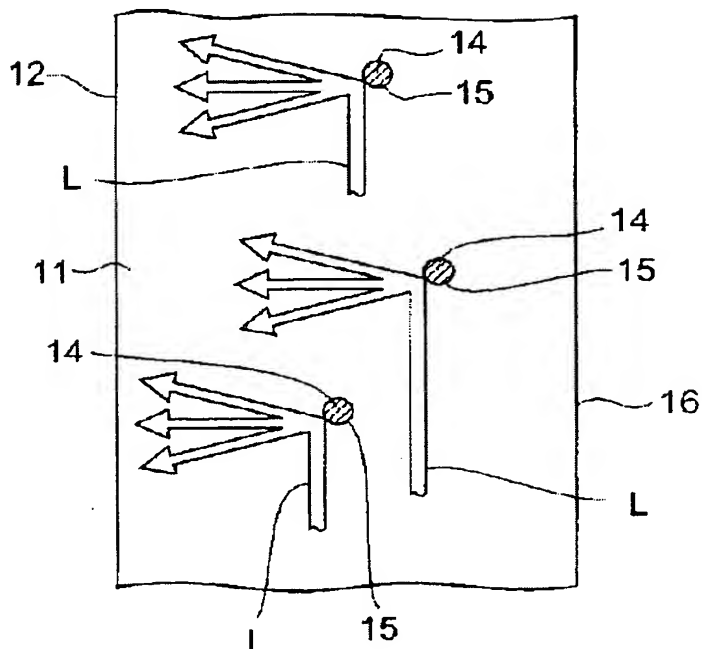
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ILLUMINATION DEVICE



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a light guide body and an illumination device in which decrease in the production efficiency is suppressed and the intensity of exiting light can be improved.

SOLUTION: The illumination device has a light guide plate 11 and a linear light source, and the light from the linear light source is introduced through one end face into the inner part of the light guide plate 11. In the light guide plate 11, many particles 14 to diffuse the light L propagating through the one end face are disposed as dispersed in the light guide plate 11. The light guide plate 11 emits light when the light diffused by the particles 14 exits the exiting face 12. The particles 14 are spheric glass particles and have mirror reflection faces 15 of metal (e.g. Ni, Co, Cu, Ag or the like). The mirror reflection faces 15 are formed on the surfaces of the particles by subjecting the glass particles as the particles 14 to electroless plating. The particles 14 are disposed in the light guide plate 11 by mixing in the raw material which constitutes the light guide plate 11 in the process of forming the light guide plate 11.

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